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Information circular*

To: Members of delegations and staff

From: The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services

Subject: **First day of issue: "Universal Postal Union — 1874–1999" stamps and souvenir card**

Stamps

1. On Monday, 23 August 1999, the United Nations Postal Administration will issue a set of three commemorative stamps to commemorate the one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of the Universal Postal Union. The issue will also coincide with the Universal Postal Congress of the Universal Postal Union, which is to be held in Beijing, at the end of August 1999.

2. The stamps were designed by Mark Hess (United States of America). Each sheet of 24 stamps will accommodate six se-tenant blocks of four stamps.

(United States equivalents — SwF 0,70 (block of four): US$ 1.84; S 6.50 (block of four): $1.98 — subject to exchange rate fluctuation.)

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Souvenir card

3. A souvenir card on the theme "1874–1999 Universal Postal Union" will also be issued on 23 August 1999. The card, which was designed by Rorie Katz (United States of America), depicts the new stamps and carries a statement by the Secretary-General.

General information

4. For the convenience of collectors, the United Nations Postal Administration at Headquarters will provide prepared and cancelled New York, Geneva and Vienna first-day covers on the UNPA official first-day cachet only. Members of delegations and the staff can obtain these items on Monday, 23 August, at the following locations:

(a) The United Nations Postal Administration sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building: 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.;

(b) The counter at the north end of the Secretariat lobby from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

5. First day of issue cancellations can be obtained at the following temporary United States Postal Service substations:

(a) The counter outside the United Nations Bookstore in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.;

(b) The counter along the west wall of the north end of the Secretariat lobby from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

6. Information on United Nations stamps can be accessed on the Internet at www.un.org/Depts/UNPA.